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To secure the data, dates, and information necessary to writing this history has taken a long time, and some work and the help of numbers of kin and friends. We are especially indebted to Mrs. R. R. Burger for valuable facts. We have secured help from Georgia, Alabama, Texas, and in one instance as far off as California. Since writing the story some have died, thus making it incorrect at this time. There may be many errors, and the story may be incomplete, but we have done the best we could, as you will see the time covered dates back over 300 years. Any aid that can correct mistakes and make the history more complete will be gratefully received and appreciated from anyone whomsoever. W. Shannon Elder.

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The first history we have of the Elder family, they were living in Scotland in the 15th Century. They finally emigrated to England and Ireland on account of their religious liberties and viewpoints. John E. Elder, with two other brothers, came to this country, landing at Norfolk, Virginia, in 1669. John E. Elder, born in 1650, came over as a stowaway, working out his passage with a rich merchant, which required several years. His two brothers, in after years, went on to other parts of the country, one to Ohio, and the other to Michigan. John E. Elder was a fine specimen of young manhood, but was poor and uneducated. In the meantime, he fell in love with the merchant's only daughter, but on account of their standing socially and financially, he long hesitated to make known his love for her, but she did not shun or spurn him. So their romance finally terminated in their elopement and marriage at Dinwiddie County Court House, Virginia, and is on record there until this day. From this marriage were born several boys and girls, one of whom was John Elder, the Second, around whose history and family our story will be written.

John Elder II was born in 1735. He married Mary Mathews, of Brunswick county, Virginia. (George Mathews, a brother of Mary Mathews Elder, raised a regiment of soldiers, became Colonel, and fought in the Revolutionary War. He afterwards came to Georgia, and was elected Governor of Georgia, two terms, then represented us in Congress, died in Georgia, and his remains now lie in a cemetery in Augusta, Georgia.) The records and date of marriage of John Elder and Mary Mathews Elder were destroyed by fire in Virginia in the war of 1861 to 1865. They raised a family of five boys and two girls as follows: Ephraim, Joshua, David, John and Edmond; Elizabeth and Nancy Elder. Most of these boys served in the Revolutionary War, and after living in Virginia to young manhood and middle age, scattered to different parts of our new United States. Joshua and David came to Georgia, arriving in Clarke County (now Oconee) on January 11th, 1807. Joshua tarried in Georgia for a few years, and history says went on to Mississippi. David remained in Georgia and died there. The balance of our story will be built around the history, family and descendants of David Elder.

David Elder, son of John Elder and Mary Mathews Elder, was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, January 7, 1760. He served in the Revolutionary War in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia. He married the first time in Brunswick County, Virginia, in about 1786 to Polly Read, a cousin of George Washington. From this marriage there were born two sons and two daughters; Edmond, Joshua, Nancy and Elizabeth Elder. He was married a second time to Mollie Phillips of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, on January 23, 1779. From this second marriage came eight sons and daughters, some born in Virginia and some in Georgia. Their names were as follows: John P. Elder, Polly Elder, Hartwell M. Elder, Thomas P. Elder, Wyche M. Elder, Joseph M. Elder, James Parker Elder and Doctor W. Elder. David married the third time to Elizabeth Allen in Clark County, Georgia, April 26, 1813. From this third marriage was born three daughters, Sarah Elder, Ermine Elder, and Ann Elder. All these fifteen children of David Elder will be taken up separately and individually later on in this history and their descendants brought down in some cases to our present time.

When David Elder arrived in Georgia in 1807, he brought with him his second wife, Molly Phillips Elder, his first wife Polly Reade, having died in Virginia. He also brought with him seven or eight children and a large number of slaves. He lay claim and took into possession a large body of land given him by the Government on account of his extensive service in the Revolutionary War. He, his sons and his slaves went directly into the original forest on Big and Little Rose Creeks and built homes for himself and slaves. His second wife, Molly Phillips Elder, only lived a few years after coming to Georgia. She was the first buried in the old Elder Cemetery on Rose Creek in lower Oconee county (then Clarke). After his second wife's death he married Elizabeth Allen in 1813, (as stated before in this history.) Elizabeth Allen owned a large number of slaves in her own name. David Elder came into possession and charge of these also. This gave him labor and ability to clear more land and to enlarge his farming interests until he owned an immense body on which he raised cotton and corn for many years. He died in Clarke County (now Oconee) on August 4, 1853, and was buried in the Elder cemetery. He lived to a ripe old age of 93 years and 6 months. When David Elder came to Georgia in 1807, he found here one Phillip Tigner, who had come to Georgia some years before. They became neighbors and warm friends, and the intermarriage of these two families help to make history and populate a large and then fertile part of Georgia and the South. As stated before, David Elder had fifteen children--some born in Virginia and some in Georgia. They were all young when he came and were reared and married in Georgia to Georgia women. Of these and their posterity we will write more and individually later on in this story. But will say right here that seven of David Elder's children died and were buried in the old Elder burying ground in Oconee county, as follows: Edmond, Joseph N., John P., Thomas P., Ermine, Polly and Doctor W. Elder. All of these seven children died between 1840 and 1901. Of the other eight who were buried in other parts of Georgia and other states of our union we will write later in our story.

With the facts and dates at hand, we will try and give a history as best we can of the descendants of David Elder, beginning at the oldest and coming on down to the youngest, of the births and deaths, and dates, of some we have, others we have not.

The following are the children of David Elder, and who they married. We will take up their ages, marriage, families and death, individually later on.

1. Edmond Elder married Nancy Tignor, Joshua Elder married Anne E. Gray, Nancy Elder married Gadyle Fanbrough. Elizabeth Elder married Samuel Blakely. Hartwell M. Elder married Parnellia Tignor. Thomas P. Elder married Polly Cain, John P. Elder married Susan Barnett, Joseph M. Elder married Sallie Jacks, Wyche Malone Elder married Mary Jane Burt, Polly Elder married Edward Maxey, James Parker Elder, no record of marriage. Doctor Williamson Elder married 1st Malinda Holloway, 2nd, Martha Osborne. Sarah or Sallie Elder married James Holloway, Ermine Elder married William Sims, Anne Elder married Thomas Brown.

Beginning with Edmond, oldest son of David Elder and Polly Read, born in Virginia in 1788. He married Nancy Tignor of Georgia, Clarke County (now Oconee) on September 19, 1810. Nancy Tignor was born on October 28, 1794. We will say in passing that Nancy and her sister, Parnellia were carried away by the Indians a short time before this marriage and kept for a short time before being rescued and returned unharmed by searching parties and happy to get back home. From this marriage of Edmond Elder and Nancy Tignor were born nine children as follows: Phillip T. Elder, David R. Elder, William Young Elder, Parnellia I. Elder, James Elder, Miranda Elder and Nancy Elder. We will now take up these children of Edmond Elder one at a time and give their marriages and families as far as we have any records. Phillip T. Elder, born in 1811, died on September 12, 1853, and was buried at old Antioch Christian Church, Oconee County. David R. Elder married Minerva Clarke, had born William E. Elder, Annie Elder (married Gilreath); Mary Elder, John Elder, David R. Elder, Jr., J. T. Elder, S. A. Elder, Wm. Elder, Mary and S. A. Elder and Annie Elder are all dead. Dr. J. T., David R. live in Oconee County. John is in Texas. Jane, Georgia, Calceph, Will Holden, Emily and Howard Gilreath, (all living in Georgia) and Hugh, Helen, Lois and Lamar A. Elder, all of Oconee County, are grandchildren of David R. Elder, Sr.

William Young Elder married Emily Thurman. Their children were as follows: Alonza Elder, Alfonza C. Elder, G. Press Elder, Ophelia Elder, Katie and Jimmie Elder. Ed and Claud Bishop, Tom, Harry, Charlie and Miss Laura Elder, all of Athens, Georgia, and Miss Katie O. Christopher, formerly of Bishop, are all grandchildren of William Young Elder, and great-grand-children of Edmond Elder. The parents of all these children are now dead. A. G. Elder, who died in Athens, in August, 1935, was the last Elder of the family, and died at the ripe old age of 87 years.

Parnellia Elder married James Howell Anderson and was the mother of Walter H. (died in Oconee a few years ago.) G. L. Anderson, who died many years ago, Julia Anderson, who married J. Fud Osborne. She died some years ago, and Dr. E. C. Anderson, now residing in Anniston, Alabama.

James Elder married Cordelia Durhan. Their son, Dr. J. Howard Elder, lived in Oconee and Clarke Counties, died there four or five years ago.

Miranda Elder married a Dr. Burton Holloway. We have no further record of them. Annie Elder died young. Mary Elder married Barton Thrasher and was the mother of Judge B. E. Thrasher (late of Watkinsville), Isaac Thrasher, Barton Jr., Fannie, Mattie, Ola and Tigner Thrasher. She was the grandmother of Roy Thrasher, Mrs. Annie Parhan and James Bishop, of Watkinsville. There are a large number of the Thrasher family scattered throughout Georgia (who hold responsible positions) and are direct descendants of Mary Elder Thrasher, daughter of Edmond Elder.

11 Joshua Elder, second son of David Elder, was born in Virginia on April 10, 1793, came to Georgia with his father and settled in Clarke County (now Oconee). He married Annie E. Gray of Clarke county in 1813. Annie Gray, his wife, was born April 29, 1790. They moved to Spalding County in 1832 and both died and were buried there. Joshua died September 28, 1863 and Annie on June 15, 1869.

The following were the children of Joshua and Annie Elder: (We give as far as we have any record, of their names, marriages and number of children.) Mary S. Elder married John H. Starr; they had fourteen children. Nancy Elder married John Henderson, four children. Martha Elder married Pendleton Malaler, five children. Betsy Elder married William D. Starr (brother of John H.) five children. Samuel Edmond Elder married first, Miss Bates, two children; Second, Martha Ogletree, two children. David Elder married Nancy Head, seven children. James Blanton Elder married Nancy Wilson, seven children. John Hartwell Elder married Fannie Sowder, eight children. James Blanton Elder and John Hartwell Elder were ministers and had a great part with the balance of this fine and extensive family in building up Spalding county and surrounding territory.

III Nancy Elder, first daughter of David Elder and Polly Reade, born in Virginia in 1793 or 1794, came to Georgia with her father in January 1807. Married Gadayle Fambrough in 1811. No record of her family and death is available, as far as we know, as they moved to Texas in 1851.

IV Elizabeth or Betty Elder second daughter of David and Polly Road, born in Virginia, came to Georgia with her father David and step-mother Mollie Phillips, her mother, Polly Road Elder having died in Virginia. She married Samuel Blakely in about 1813 or 1814. They established a home in Clarke county (now Oconee) where C. D. Willoughby now lives. From this marriage was born 12 sons and daughters as follows:

Nancy Blakely who married Little Joe Elder; Susan Blakely who married Moab Hale; Jane Blakely who married Joel Hardigree; John Blakely, no record of marriage; Polly Blakely who married Jinny Willoughby; Martha Blakely who married Thom Lowe; Ikey and Elizabeth Blakely, twins, married Samuel Smith and Charlie Fielding; Sarah Blakely married E. I. Majors; Betty Anne Blakely married Joe Hale; Ermine Blakely married James Cosby; David Blakely, no record of marriage.

The descendants of these children of Samuel Blakely and Elizabeth Elder Blakely are as follows--Nancy married Little Joe Elder; a record of this family will be given later on in this story. Susan Blakely married Moab Hale, no record of family; Jane Blakely married Joel Hardigree. Their children were Sam, General Jim and Eugenia Hardigree, all dead. Polly Blakely married Jinnie Willoughby. Their children were David, Mary, Dora, and Ermine Willoughby. Davy and Ermine never married. Mary Willoughby married L. L. Fambrough. Their children are Albert, Oscar, Ernest, Effie, Mollie, Dora and Bonnie Fambrough. Dora Willoughby married James A. Thomas, was the mother of the late Earl P. Thomas and grandmother of Weyman, Jinnie and Marvin Thomas, now living in Oconee county. Martha Blakely married Thom Lowe. They were the grandparents of John, Alph, Elizabeth and Kitty Morton. John and Elizabeth never married. Alph married Miss Mattie Willoughby and Kitty married Judge R. M. Jackson. Mrs. Thomas Brightwell, Sr. of Maxeys, Ga. and Joe, Jack, Maude, Nancy Lowe and Katie Morton are all great-great-grand-children of Betsy Elder Blakely, second daughter of David Elder.

Ikey Blakely married Samuel Smith, George B., Samuel P. and John Smith were children of Ikey and Sam Smith. Miss Myrt Smith, Herman Smith, Herschel Smith, Mrs. Lindsey Durham, Mrs. B. F. Preston and Mrs. Earl Rogers, are all great-grand-children of Betsy Elder Blakely.

Elizabeth Blakely married Charlie Fielding. All the Fieldings now living in Oconee County are direct descendants of Betsy Elder Blakely.

Sarah Blakely married E. I. Majors. No record of family. They moved to Texas before the Civil War. Betty Ann Blakely married Joseph Hale and went to Texas in the fifties. Ermine Blakely married Jim Cosby and also went to Texas early in life. No record of John and David Blakely's marriages and families.

Hartwell M. Elder, fifth child of David Elder and first of Mollie Phillips, was born in Virginia on April 6, 1789 and came to Georgia in January, 1807, with David, his father. He married Pamela Tigner December 21, 1817 in Clarke county (now Oconee). He died in Texas in 1844. Pamela was born June 26, 1798 and died in Texas in May, 1848. Hartwell and Pamela raised a large family of eleven children, as follows; Nancy Tigner, Edmond J., David Young, Mansel Nathan, Innocence Mary, Asbury Blanton, Joshua Payne, Sara Ann, Martha Tigner, Phillip Tigner and Aletha Liman Jones Elder. We will now take up this large and prominent family of Hartwell Elder, one at a time, for the benefit of our readers both in Georgia and Texas.

First Nancy Tigner Elder was born October 8, 1818 and died in 1877. Married Joseph Hale, and moved to Longview Texas in 1853 and raised a large family. Edmond J. Elder, born December 24, 1820, lived in Georgia, and had four boys, names not known. He died in 1854. David Young Elder, born May 25, 1822 married twice and had two children by first wife, whose names we have no record of; Married second time to Elizabeth Wilson, of Texas. Died there in 1877. Mansel Nathan Elder born March 2, 1824, went to Texas in 1851. Married Sally Avant and had eight children, Henry, George, Tigner, Fletcher, Maggie, Jane, Nathan and Dora Elder. He died in Texas in 1881. Innocence Mary Elder, born December 22, 1825, never married, and died in 1854. Asbury Blanton Elder, born September 12, 1827 never married; died from fall from buggy in 1863. Joshua P. Elder, born January 12, 1830, was married four times. Went to Marshall, Texas, had a large family and died in Texas on June 27, 1909. Sarah Ann Elder, born May 19, 1832 (married Lee Preston, went to Texas in 1851; had a large family. Died there August 19, 1899. Martha Tigner Elder, born April 4, 1834, married a Mr. Barnett, had one son; died in 1914. Phillip Tigner Elder, born June 18, 1836, married Susan Sarah Wilson, had eight children; Erwin, Fletcher George Wilson, Emma Luvania, Mattie K., Laura Jane, Ida Josephine, Mausel Phillip and Thomas Blanton Elder. He died March 19, 1930. Eleventh and last child of Hartwell was Alethia Liman Jones Elder, born May 2, 1839. Moved to Texas in 1851, married Abner Avant, had six children. She died in Texas on August 21, 1878.

Thomas P. Elder, fourth son of David Elder, was born on January 24, 1799, married Polly Cain, of Georgia December 21, 1817. Had nine children. He died and is buried in old Elder cemetery, Oconee county, Georgia. We will now proceed to give a family history of the nine children of Thomas P. Elder and Polly Cain.

Their names were as follows: Martha, John Lewis, James H., Dock, Susan, Talitha (Puss), Alonetta Mary ("Sugh") and Mahlon Elder. We will now take these children of Thomas P. Elder, and Polly Cain Elder, one at a time, and give as best we can their families, marriages, etc. 1. Martha Elder married John Osborne, and had four children; Mary Osborne, Thomas Osborne, J. F. W. Osborne and Ann Osborne. 2. John Lewis Elder married Lucy Davis, children; Sidney, George, Nathan, John, Griffin, David and Nannie Elder. 3. James H. Elder married Blake Elder daughter of little Joe Elder. They had a large family, as follows: Lessie, Cora, Emmett, Jim, Bob, David, Lena, Nina, Ruby, Emma, Eula, Nannie and Clarence Elder. Cora, Lessie and Clarence are dead. The other ten are all living mostly in Oconee county. 4. Dock Elder married Beatrice Hughes; no record of family is available at this time. Talitha ("Puss") Elder married James Donahoo, had two children, names not known. 5. Alonetta Elder married Dr. O. W. H. Lanier; Children as follows: Addie, Tom J., Dora, O. W., D. E., and Soony Lanier. 6. Mary ("Sugh") Elder married J. W. H. Lanier; had three sons, Jim, Henry and Charlie Lanier. Jim and Charlie died years ago; Henry is now living. 7. Mahlon Elder was lost in the war of 1861-1865.

John P. Elder, son of David and Molly Phillips, was born in Virginia December 10, 1800, and came to Georgia with his father and mother when he was seven years old. He grew up to young manhood in Georgia and married Susan Barnett. Her father was Secretary of State of Georgia at one time. Their home was at, or near Barnett Shoals, Oconee County. From this marriage of John P. and Susan Barnett Elder there were eleven children born; they had a large part in populating and developing this part of Georgia. We will take them up, one at a time and give their family history in those pioneer days as follows:

Nathan Tom Elder, Ovia Ann Elder, Elizabeth Elder, Griffin Elder, Lucy Jane Elder, Nancy Ann Elder, Christi Ann Elder, Susan Ann Elder, Martha Elder, John Elder and Marzie Elder. We will now proceed to give the marriages and family history of these children of John P. and Susan Barnett. Nathan T. Elder, first married Lucy Brown, had five children as follows: Eugenia Elder, who married Brud Osborne, had two children, John and Howard, both living. Parents died many years ago. John Brown Elder married Sarah Burgess; no children; both dead. Emma Elder married D. H. Hardigree, now living in Oconee; had five children; Charlie, now dead. Lula (Mrs. F. E. McRee), Walter ("Happy"), Clarence ("Rabbit") and Polly (Mrs. Howard Ward) all live in Oconee county. Laturah Elder married Jefferson Burgess, had four or five children, both died some years ago, three or four children now living in Oconee and Walton counties. A. C. (Courtney) Elder married Evie McRee; has six children, all living. Marie Elder married Herman Smith; Lucy Elder married W. B. Hale; Albert Elder married Mildred Lee, Robert Elder, not married; Hallie Elder married Wm. Cotton and Frankie Moore Elder married Dot Davis. All these now living, most of them in Watkinsville. After Lucy Brown Elder's death Nathan T. Elder married the second time to Nancy (Nannie) Elder, daughter of Little Joe Elder, who was a son of John Ephran Elder of Virginia). Little Joe was the only one of his family who ever came to Georgia, (as far as we know). From this second marriage of Nathan T. and Nannie Elder were born three children, Sam Elder, of Walton county, Robert C. Elder, of Oconee County and Carrie Elder, who was the first wife of L. B. N. Fambrough.* She died some years ago. N. T. Elder, the father and grand-father of this large and prominent family, was born in 1823, lived to a ripe old age of 93 years and died in 1916.

Avia Ann Elder, daughter of John P. Elder, married William H. Marshall, had seven children, John T., Will, Fletcher J., Marshall, (all dead). Daughters, Mrs. Jack Marable, Mrs. Fletcher and two Mrs. Will Johnsons, (he having married two of the daughters.) Oscar, Cleveland, and Rufus Marable, Earl, Clyde and J. B. Marshall are all grand-children of Avia Ann Elder Marshall; most of these now live in Oconee County.

Eliza Elder, second daughter of John P. Elder, married Richard B. McRee; they had five children--John, Will, Elizabeth and Susan McRee. A young son, Benny, was killed from fall from wagon many years ago. Griffin Elder killed in war 1861-1865. Lucy Jane Elder never married. Nancy Ann Elder married George E. Griffeth, had large family of children. Christian Elder married Dr. Steven Jackson, several children. Susan Ann Elder married Drew Jackson, four children, Tom, Pink, Steven and Ann Jackson. Martha Elder married John Poole, no record of family. John Elder married Lizzie Cox, history of only one girl; Mrs. Wright, of Oconee County. Marzie Elder died unmarried, young.

Joseph N. Elder, sixth son of David Elder, was born in Virginia in 1802 and came to Georgia in 1807. He married Sallie Jacks (daughter of Green Jacks) on April 15, 1823. From this marriage there were born ten children, as follows: Susan Ann, Doctor, Ellen Delilah Ann, Elizabeth Ann, Frances Ann, Thomas, Wyche, Jack and George Elder (twins) and Elvie Cary Ann Elder. (Every girl had Ann as her name.) We will now give the marriages and families of these sons and daughters of Joseph N. Elder as follows:

* See page 6a for families of Sam, Robert and Carrie Elder.

Carrie Griffin Elder, daughter of Nathan T. Elder and Nannie Elder, was born on January 19, 1878 and died August 15, 1911. On February 22, 1898, she married Little Berry Neal Fambrough, who was born February 10, 1875 and died October 6, 1935. From this marriage one daughter, Madeline Fambrough, was born March 11, 1900. On April 22, 1933 Madeline Fambrough married John Edwin Stewart of Clarke County, Georgia, who was born in Bibb County on May 18, 1873.

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Robert Clyde Elder, son of Nathan T. Elder and Nannie Elder, was born December 8, 1876. On December 3, 1899, he married Malissa Ellenda Downs, who was born August 27, 1872. Robert Clyde Elder died April 13, 1938. From this marriage were born six children as follows:

I. Clyde Hinton Elder, born November 4, 1900, married James Frank Elder on January 4, 1918. She has three children as follows: (1) Annie Ruth, born November 20, 1919, married Raymond Bone and their children are as follows: Bobby, Anne, Wilburn and Franklin Henley. (2) Nannie Sue, born January 1, 1922, married Clifford Little, and they have one child, to-wit: Margaret Ann, born Oct. 7, 1941. (3) Gertrude Ellen, born January 30, 1925, not married.

II. Marvin Thomas Elder, born November 20, 1901, married Ruby Marie Smith on December 23, 1923. Ruby Marie Smith was born on June 2, 1905. They have two children as follows: (1) Nathan Thomas, born October 31, 1924 and Marvin Thomas, Jr., born December 14, 1927.

III. Nathan Brown Elder, born March 7, 1903, married Martha Louise Thrasher on July 19, 1924. Martha Louise Thrasher was born September 19, 1903. They had one son, Samuel Robert Elder, born June 27, 1930 and who died June 27, 1930.

IV. Nancy Elenda Elder, born March 9, 1907, married Edward Ross Vaughan on December 12, 1925. They had one son, Ross Edward Vaughan, born December 5, 1926. Edward Ross Vaughan, the husband of Nancy Elenda Elder was born January 28, 1899 and died on February 1, 1927. On December 7, 1929, Nancy Elenda Elder Vaughan married Elmer Turner, who was born August 10, 1903, and of this marriage there was one son, Billie Gene Turner, born May 6, 1934 and who died November 26, 1936.

V. Howell Elder, born on December 9, 1908, married Jurelle Frances Smith on August 3, 1930. Jurelle Frances Smith was born April 28, 1910. They have two children as follows: Alberta Frances, born July 20, 1931, and Robert Millard, born February 10, 1941.

VI. Edgar Warren Elder, born February 6, 1911, married Martha Ellen Wilson on November 26, 1933. They have two children as follows: James Edgar, born October 13, 1934 and William Lamar, born May 12, 1937.

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Samuel David Elder, son of Nathan T. Elder and Nannie Elder, was born April 28, 1875, and died April 9, 1939. On February 4, 1897, he married Bessie Barnett, who was born February 18, 1874. From this marriage there were born eight children as follows:

I. Hugh Shannon Elder, born August 12, 1899. On December 7, 1922, he married Annie Tate, who was born April 8, 1903, and their children are as follows:

(1) Sarah Frances Elder, born February 6, 1924. (2) Hugh Shannon Elder, Jr., born December 17, 1926. (3) Martha Lucille Elder, born June 8, 1928. (4) Mary Ann Elder, born November 6, 1930. (5) Betty Lou Elder, born February 21, 1936.

II. Raleigh Barnett Elder, born August 17, 1902. On November 27, 1927, he married Sarah Zolimmer Gordon, who was born January 30, 1908, and their children are as follows: (1) Sarah Ruth Elder, born December 2, 1929. (2) Samuel David Elder, born December 9, 1931.

III. Lila Mae Elder, born September 3, 1903. On December 24, 1924, she married John Leslie Snow, who was born January 7, 1903, and their children are as follows:

(1) Dorothy Louise Snow, born September 2, 1927. (2) Bessie Evangeline Snow, born September 30, 1932. (3) John Leslie Snow, Jr., born April 1, 1934. (4) Thomas Elder Snow, born February 14, 1936.

IV. Nancy Elizabeth Elder, born February 28, 1905. On April 8, 1933, she married Paul Malachi Davis, who was born August 10, 1901, and their children are as follows:

(1) Harold Linwood Davis, born May 17, 1934, died January 14, 1937. (2) Nancy Rebecca Davis, born October 20, 1935. (3) Sybil Virginia Davis, born November 25, 1936. (4) Sarita Jane Davis, born April 30, 1938. (5) Samuel Malachi Davis, born April 28, 1939.

V. Marvin Emerson Elder, born June 12, 1907. On October 28, 1933, he married Eliza Rebecca White, who was born October 15, 1915, and their children are as follows:

(1) Marvin Thomas Elder, born September 7, 1935. (2) Martha Jean Elder, born September 15, 1937. (3) Joe David Elder, born May 8, 1939.

VI. Lenira Bell Elder, born October 24, 1909. On January 12, 1930, she married Emory H. Camp, who was born August 9, 1910, and their children are as follows:

(1) Betty Elaine Camp, born November 21, 1931. (2) Robert Elder Camp, born December 15, 1933.

VII. William David Elder, born May 27, 1912. On September 28, 1935, he married Estelle Leachman, who was born August 27, 1915, and their children are as follows:

(1) Bonnie Faye Elder, born August 1, 1941.

VIII. Bessie Edith Elder, born January 14, 1917. On June 30, 1934, she married Willie Guy Pannell, who was born April 17, 1913, and their children are as follows:

(1) Edith Lunelle Pannell, born July 17, 1936. (2) Anita Catherine Pannell, born May 23, 1938. (3) Willie Dean Pannell, born April 24, 1940.

Susan Ann Elder married George W. Nicholson and had seven children-- Dr. Marion Nicholson, George Nicholson, W. M. Nicholson, Joe H. Nicholson, Charlie Nicholson, Elmer Nicholson and Mrs. Griffeth. Dock Elder lost in war 1861 to 1865. Ellen D. Ann Elder married first, Franklin McRoe, two sons, John W. and A. F. McRoe. Married second time to Dawson Burger, two children, Judge R. R. Burger of Watkinsville, Ga., and Effie Burger (Mrs. Charlie Bugg), now dead. Elizabeth Ann Elder married W. T. Robinson (better known as Uncle Billy). They had four boys, George W. Robinson, now living in Oconee County, John T. and M. J. Robinson, late of Oconee county and Dr. Henry B. Robinson, Dean of Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo. Frances Ann Elder married first, Walker Sims, second time a Mr. Read. No record of family. Thomas Elder, no record. Wyche Elder married Nancy Hardigree, no record. Jack and George Elder were twins; We have no record of their marriages and families. Elvira Cary Ann Elder, last child of Joseph N. Elder and Sallie Jacks, married a Mr. Pendergrass, no family record.

Wyche Malone Elder, seventh son of David Elder and Mollie Phillips, (his second wife) was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, October 5, 1804. Married Jane Burt of Clarke County, Ga. (now Oconee) and died in Roanoke, Alabama, Feb. 3, 1871. Mary Jane Burt Elder was born in Georgia, January 11, 1799, died at Roanoke, Ala., Feb. 2, 1884. Wyche M. Elder's name was originally Wyche Malone J. Elder, and was used in full by his father, David Elder, when making a distribution of his will in May, 1853. Evidently late in life he dropped the J., from his name. Wyche Elder and Mary Jane Burt raised ten children as follows: Joseph, Ann, Frances, Jane, Doctor, John, Thomas, Edmond and Mary Ermine Elder. Wyche and family emigrated to Alabama many, many years ago, therefore, we have no detailed record of his family. But will pause to say that Ruth Elder, the noted flying girl that was the first girl to attempt to fly the ocean, was a great granddaughter of Wyche Elder and Mary Jane Burt Elder. She is now Mrs. Gillepsie and living in California.

Polly Elder, daughter of David Elder and Molly Phillips was born in Virginia in 1806 and came to Georgia when only one year old, with her father and mother in 1807. She married Edward Maxey in 1823 or 1824; they had only two children, a girl Nancy Maxey, who married John Lowe, and a boy who died young at three years of age. Nancy Maxey and John Lowe's children, five in number, were as follows: John Lowe, Jr., Jin Lowe, Ann Lowe, Eudocia Lowe (married Dock Hardigree) and Kitty Lowe, who married Dr. Frank Jackson). Mrs. Frank Porter, of Bishop, is a great-great-granddaughter of Edward Maxey and Polly Elder Maxey.

James Parker Elder, eighth son of David Elder, was born in Georgia after their arrival in January, 1807. So far we have been unable to obtain any record of the marriage, family or death of James Parker Elder, he, having in early manhood, left Georgia and went to an adjoining state.

Doctor Williamson Elder, youngest son of David Elder and last child of Mollie Phillips Elder, was born May 9, 1809 and first married Malinda Holloway in December, 1826. From this marriage was born twelve sons, and daughters, whose names were as follows: David B., Mary P., Lizzie, Eliza, Almira, C. E., Icy., Julia, and James Pinkney Elder. Doctor W. Elder married the second time to Martha Osborne, widow of Frank Osborne, he having been killed by the falling of heavy timbers in building a gin house before the war between the states. From this marriage of Doctor W. Elder and Martha Osborne Elder were born two sons, Doctor William Elder, Jr., and Thomas P. Elder. At the time of the marriage of Martha Osborne to Doctor W. Elder, she herself had five small children, as follows: J. Ferd, Eliza, Ann, Ophelia, Maynon and Dora Osborne.

In writing the history of the family of Doctor W. Elder, Sr., we will go into details and bring out each one more individually and explicitly as this family had a great part in settling, populating and promoting the growth and development of this section of Georgia, especially Oconee County.

We will now take up the sons of Doctor W. Elder, as they come, and bring their ancestry and posterity down in many instances, to the present time. We will not attempt to give the correct dates of births and deaths in all cases--in some we can, and in others we cannot.

David B. Elder, first son of Doctor W. Elder, was born in 1827, married first Mattie McRoe and had five children as follows: Will, Benny, D. R. (Bud), Eugenia and Izzie Elder. He married the second time to Miss Neornia Brightwell, and had two children by this marriage, Sallie and Nellie Elder.

Will Elder, oldest son of David B. Elder, married Evie McRoe and had three children as follows: Daisy and Joe Elder, and one dead. Ben Elder, second son of David B. Elder, married Miss Campbell and had three children--Foster, Gladys and Annie Lee Elder. D. R. (Bud) Elder married Sallie Edwards, three children: Rowan, Lola Elder and one died young. Eugenia Elder married Andrew J. Maxey and they had eight children as follows: Leila, Inna, Tom, Susie, Carl, Maggie, James and Hallie Maxey, all now living. Izzie Elder married J. H. Raidon, no children. J. H. Raidon died in 1935. Mrs. Raidon is now living. Sallie Elder married Walter B. McRoe and had several boys. Nellie Elder married Verney Edwards and has a large family of boys and girls.

Mary P. Elder, first daughter of Doctor W. and Malinda Elder, was born in 1829. She married George H. McRoe, both died many years ago and were interred in the old Elder cemetery. Their children were Kitty, Miss, Mollie and Joe McRoe. Joe M. and Mollie, now live at Watkinsville, Ga. Kitty and Miss died many years ago. Kitty McRoe married Joe Brightwell, several children, most all now dead. Miss McRoe married Will Brightwell and moved to Texas many years ago, have children there with families. Mollie McRoe married John Giles, no children. Joe M. McRoe youngest and last child of George H. and Mary Elder McRoe married Rosa Lee Marshall. They have a large family of boys and girls as follows: Curtis McRoe of North Carolina, Herbert, who died in early manhood; Joe Boyd, Hallie, Mavis, Hilda and Helen McRoe, all of Watkinsville and Georgia.

(Editors Note--In last weeks installment of history of Elder family, in Enterprise in naming the children of Doctor W. Elder, Sr., four were unintentionally left off as follows: Sarah Elder, Ellen Elder, Susan Elder and W. Joe Elder. These with the others mentioned, and their families will be taken up later on in the story--Editor.)

Elizabeth Elder, third child of Doctor Elder, married Lafayette Marshall and had a large family of nine boys and girls as follows: Dock F., Sarah, Almirah, Bush, Jim E., Mattie, Dora, Weldon and J. Pink Marshall. Dock F., married Emma Osborne; they had eight children, all now living in Oconee County and Georgia as follows:

Rosa Marshall married Joe McRoe; Robert C. married Leila Maxey, Hattie Marshall married John O. McRoe; Maud married first, Earl Osborne, and second, married Clifford Gregory. Willie married Charles W. Fambrough, Jessie married first, Herbert Haynie and second time, Mr. Harmon. Tom married Marie Kelly. Neufville married Hattie C. Hudson. Dock F. and Emma Marshall both died some years ago, but their children and grandchildren are living. Sack or Sarah Elder married Trip Elder. They moved to Texas many years ago, both died there and were buried at Kilgore, Texas. They have three children living there now, John, Frank and a girl..

Almirah Marshall married J. Polk McRee and had six children--Walter B. McRee married Sallie Elder and they had four or five boys in Alabama. Walter died there some years ago. Sallie still lives in Alabama with her children. Julia McRee married L. N. (Tobe) Saxon; they both died in Alabama and were buried there. They have children living both in Georgia and Alabama. Fred McRee married Mary Anderson and they live in Birmingham, Alabama, have boys and girls living there also. Willie L. McRee married Florence Anderson and they live in Alabama, also have children there. Emmett McRee married Alice Boardman; they live in Birmingham and have one daughter there also. Clara McRee, youngest and last child of J. P. and Almirah McRee, married a Mr. Horsley and have several children; they are all in Alabama. Will (Bush) Marshall went to Alabama many years ago and married a Miss Dill; both died there. No history of their family. J. Z. (Jim) Marshall also moved to Alabama, also married, Miss Dill's family not known. J. Z. died in Alabama in 1933. Mat Marshall married J. T. Saxon, have five children, all living in Georgia and Alabama. Dora Marshall married Lewis H. Reynolds. He is Judge of Court at Clinton, Alabama; they have five boys and girls there. Weldon Marshall married Nina D. Anderson, have a large family of children, they all are living in Alabama. J. Pink Marshall, youngest and last child of Elizabeth Elder Marshall, married Alevia Hinesley, have four boys and girls, and they are living in Alabama.

Eliza Elder, third daughter of Doctor W. Elder, married John Burgess; they had three children--Julia, Sarah and Henry L. Burgess. John Burgess died in March, 1888. Eliza, his wife, died about 1920, both buried in old Elder cemetery. Julia Burgess married Robert F. Miller, had one son, Lamar, who died young. Robert Miller died in June, 1934. His wife, Julia, died 13 months later, July, 1935. Both buried in Beardon cemetery, Oconee county. Sarah Burgess, second daughter of Eliza Elder Burgess, married John B. Elder; they had no children. Both are dead and buried in Oconee County. Henry L. Burgess, married Ova Jackson, had two children, Jessie and Claude. Jessie died young. Others are now living in Oconee and Clarke counties, Georgia.

Icy Elder, fourth daughter of Doctor W. Elder, married Henry Hillsman, they had four children, Bessie, Dean, Lena and Henry S. Hillsman, Jr. Bessie never married and now lives in Oconee County. Dean married William D. Maxey who died over 30 years ago. Dean died in 1935. Their children all now living are Henry, Joe W., Eugenia, Newt, Crawford and Irene Maxey; they all live in Oconee county except Eugenia, who lives in Florida. Lena Hillsman married S. Tom Maxey; they had six children--Hershel, Homer, Katie, Agnes, Bessie Dean and Henry Thomas Maxey. Tom Maxey, father of these boys and girls, died some years ago. Lena, their mother, now lives in Oconee County. Henry S. Hillsman, only son of Icy Elder, was born in 1867. He married Sallie Maxey, who still lives in Oconee County. Henry was injured by a fall from wagon, from which injury he died many years ago. They had six children, all now living as follows: Pauline, Pierce, Addison, Ida Bell, Marvin and Joe Hillsman.

Julia Elder, fifth daughter of Doctor W. Elder, married Thomas C. Hinesley; they both died many years ago, and were buried in old Elder cemetery. They had a large family of children, whose names are as follows: J. A. (Bee) Hinesley; Judson, Howard, Weldon F., Alma, Allevia and Lessie Hinesley. J. A. (Bee) married Lottie Langston and had several children. Judson Hinesley went to Texas and married and died there in 1934 or 1935; His family history not known. Howard Hinesley married Ada O'Dillon, several children. Weldon Hinesley married Ruth Turner. Alma never married. Allevia Hinesley married J. Pink Marshall; family already mentioned. Lessie Hinesley married Harb Johnson; no family record.

Elnira C. Elder, sixth daughter of Doctor W. Elder, was born in Oconee County, Georgia, October 8, 1835. She married Hartwell J. Thomas in about 1853 and died September 9, 1898. There was born to them eight children as follows: Eva, Hook, Carrio, George I., W. B. (Wick), Jinnio (who died from burns in 1875), Henry J., and Cornelia Thomas. All moved to Texas in 1882.

Sara Elder, seventh daughter of Doctor W. and Malinia Elder, married John Knott; had six children. Their names were as follows: Charter, Minnie, Edd, Fannie, Nina, Johnny O., and Manie Knott. Mr. and Mrs. Knott died many years ago, and are buried in Apalachee, Morgan county, Georgia. We will now give the marriages and families of these children as far as we can:

Charter Knott, married Miss Claud Furlow. Had several children. Charter died some years ago. Mrs. Claude Knott, his wife, now lives in Atlanta, Minnie Knott married David A. Osborn. Mrs. Osborn lives in Watkinsville. (Died in 1937 after history was writton). David Osborne died years ago. Their children, six in number, are as follows: Jessie, Ashley, Marvin, Harry, Irene and Francis Osborne, have families of their own and live in Georgia. Edd Knott married Miss Lollie Thurman. They had several boys and girls. Edd lives in Apalachee. His wife died in 1934, and is buried at Apalachee, Ga. Nina married H. A. Davis, one child died young. Fannie and Manie never married; both now live at Apalachee. Claud died in young manhood; never married.

Ellen Elder, eighth daughter of Doctor W. Elder, married William Bedford Langford; they lived in Watkinsville, Ga. for many years and died and were buried there. Their children were as follows: Nellie, Cleo, Susie, Fannie, Florence and Mable Langford. Their marriage and family are as follows: Nellie Langford never married and died in Watkinsville years ago. Cleo Langford married Dr. W.H. Hodges; they have a large family, all living in Watkinsville. Susie Langford married Clarence Hutchings, had three children. She died some years ago. Her husband is still living in Macon, Ga. Fannie Langford married Enoch Shellnut, had one son, William; she died years ago. He is still living. Florence Langford married A. W. Meaders, had large family of children, all living in and around Watkinsville. Mable Langford married Mr. Mathis, of Macon, Ga. they are living there and have children there also.

Susan Elder, ninth daughter of Doctor W. Elder, married George W. Cook, both are dead and buried at old Antioch church in Oconee county. Their children, four in number, are: Leona, Ida, Georgia and Rufus Cook. Their marriages are as follows: Leona Cook, married Luther Stovall, they lived in Madison, Ga. many years, they had three girls; moved to Florida some years ago, where they all live, except Luther, who died there a few years since. Ida Cook married Tom A. Cochran. They had two children, Neal and Elsie Cochran. Elsie Married a Mr. Smith and lives in Jacksonville, Fla. Neal died and was buried there. Tom Cochran, their father, died there and was buried beside his mother and father at old Antioch church, Oconee County. Ida (Mrs. Cochran) still lives at Jacksonville, Fla. Georgia Cook married a Mr. Booth, had one son. Mr. Booth and son are now living. Georgia died and was buried at Jacksonville. Rufus Cook married Miss Ida Aycock; they have no children, and are now living in Jacksonville, Fla.

We will now take up the history of W. Joe Elder, his war record and family. He was the second son and ninth child of Doctor W. and Malinia Holloway Elder. He was born on July 18, 1844. He joined Company "L" 3rd Georgia Regiment of the war between the States in 1861, served four years in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania; was wounded at battle of Gettysburg in 1863, was shot entirely through the body with a Minie ball, lay on the battlefield for six hours. Was carried off unconscious by union litter bearers to ambulance and to hospital;

remained there for several months until convalescent; was then carried to prison on Point Lookout" and remained in prison for three months; finally exchanged, came home on furlough to die or recuperate. Improved slowly until early in 1864. He then married his step-sister, Eliza Ann Osborne, remained at home for some weeks and then returned to the armies of Virginia and was only a short distance away when General Lee surrendered at Appomattox. A silk handkerchief was drawn entirely through his body and lungs. Notwithstanding this trying ordeal which he endured, W. Joe Elder lived 58 years after the war and died April 12, 1921. He raised a large family of boys and girls as stated above. He married Eliza Osborne in 1864; from this marriage there were born five children as follows: Clara L. Elder, born in 1867, W. Shannon Elder, born in 1869; Mattie Pearl Elder, born in 1875; Lillie May Elder, born in 1880; died young, and Omar F. Elder, born September 1, 1886.

We will now give the family history of these several children of W. J. and Eliza Ann Elder. Clara Elder died at the age of 22 years; She never married. W. Shannon Elder married Mary L. McRee, has three children, Harold O. Elder, born in 1899, Joseph Lamar Elder, born in 1902, and Ethel Dodd Elder, born in 1907. All are now living in Oconee county, Georgia.

Mattie Pearl Elder married Rowan McRee, had five children, Leonard, Clara Mae, Carlton and Milton. All living in Oconee county. Frank, another son, died young. Dr. Omar F. Elder, a noted specialist on kidney and bladder diseases; is located in Atlanta; he married Miss Mary Ellen Hargrove and has one son, Omar F. Elder, Jr. After the death of Eliza Osborne Elder, first wife of W. Joe Elder, in 1889, W. Joe Elder married Cora L. Anderson. From this second marriage there were born four children; all died in infancy. Cora Anderson Elder, second wife of W. Joe Elder, died in 1896. W. Joe Elder was married the third time to Miss Alice Shellnutt. She now lives in Watkinsville, Ga. They had one daughter, Martha Bell Elder, who married Mr. James Harris, and now lives in Nashville, Tenn. They have one daughter, Rachel Jean.

James Pinkney Elder, son of Dr. W. and last child of Malinia Holloway Elder, married Anna Durhan. From this marriage were seven children, born as follows: Dr. C. D. Elder, noted physician of Marietta, Ga., Dr. Herbert Elder and Mrs. Ruby Zubor of Bogart, Ga. George, Pattie, Annie Laurie and Malinia Elder all died years ago. This record, so far, includes only the history of Doctor William Elder, youngest son of David Elder. After the death of Malinda Elder, his first wife, he married just before the Civil War, Martha Osborne, widow of Frank Osborne, (who was, as stated before, killed in accident several years prior to the war between the states. From this second marriage of Doctor W. Elder and Martha Osborne Elder, there were born only two sons, Doctor W. Elder, Jr., and Thomas P. Elder. Doctor W. Jr., married Miss Mattie Veale. They had nine children as follows: Tom Elder, who died years ago; Clinton Elder, who died young; Grady and Nellie Elder, now living in Alabama; Mavis Elder, living in Cornelia, Ga. and Olin, Susie Marie and Hubert Elder, all living in Oconee County. Doctor W. Elder, Jr. died in 1932. We will pause here to say that Doctor W. Elder, Jr., was the last of 14 children of Doctor W. Elder and was, far as we know, the last grandson of David Elder, a revolutionary soldier in Virginia.

Thomas P. Elder, last and youngest child of Doctor W. and Martha Osborne Elder, was the only one who never married of the nineteen children raised by Doctor W. Elder.

The history of the family of Doctor W. Elder, Sr., is yet not finished, for when in 1856 he married Martha Osborne, she also had five orphan children, all young, between two and nine years of age. Doctor W. Elder raised these children, and with his own there were nineteen children raised from infancy and childhood by him. These five step-children of Doctor W. Elder, Sr. were as follows: John (Ferd) Osborne, Eliza Ann Osborne, Ophelia Osborne, Manon Osborne and Dora Osborne. J(Ferd) Osborne married Julia Anderson, they had five children; Lola Osborne, married Dr. J. T. Elder, Effie Osborne married Elma I. Elder; she died some years ago in Texas and was brought to Georgia and buried in old Antioch cemetery. Tressa Osborne married David Huff. Mamie never married, and lives in Anniston, Alabama. Frank, an only son, married Margaret Campbell and lives in Oconee county. Eliza Ann, oldest daughter of Martha Osborne, married W. Joe Elder, their family has already been given earlier in our history. Ophelia Osborne married G. L. Anderson, both died many years ago. They had four children, two boys and two girls--Georgia, Lillian Alice and Otis Anderson, all now dead. Maynon Osborne, fourth child of Martha Osborne, married E. M. Saxon. From this marriage there were four boys as follows; Dr. M. F. Saxon, died in Winder, Ga., some years ago. Dr. Tom Saxon, living at Shalbran, Georgia. Albin Saxon, of Atlanta, Ga. and John C. Saxon of Farnington, Oconee County. We will say in passing that Mrs. Maynon Osborne Saxon is now living in Oconee County, she being the last survivor of the nineteen children raised by Doctor W. Elder, she being now 84 years old. Her husband, E. M. Saxon, age 82, died in September 1935. Dora Osborne last child of Martha Osborne, married Walter M. Anderson, their children were Mary, Florence and Myrtle Anderson, all married and living in Alabama.

The foregoing is the history and facts and names of the extensive family of Doctor William Elder, Sr., who had a prominent part in populating and developing this section of Georgia. Thus far we have given the history and family records of the children and the progress, of David Elder and his first two wives, Polly Read and Molly Phillips. In 1813, as stated before, David Elder married Elizabeth Allen, and we will now proceed to give the history of the three daughters by this last marriage. They were: Sarah Elder, Ermine Elder and Ann Elder. Sarah (or Sallie) married James Holloway; he was a brother of Malinia Holloway, first wife of Doctor W. Elder, Sr. They moved to Texas before the war of 1861 to 1865, and died and were buried there near Longview. Their children, nine in number, were as follows: Ann, William, Katherine, Elizabeth, Robert, Julia, Lula, Judson and Bertie Holloway. Ann married George Prothro, they had six children. William Holloway married Leander Bassett, they had seven children. Katherine married Robert McHaney, they had two children, Neal and Minnie. Elizabeth married Erastus Robertson, they had no children that lived. Robert Holloway died single. Julia Holloway married W. E. McHaney, they had six children. Lula Holloway married R. C. Scott, they had four children. Judson and Bertie Holloway both died single.

Ermine Elder, second daughter, of David and Elizabeth Allen Elder, was born in Clarke County (now Oconee) May 10, 1818. She married William Sins, January 12, 1840; From this marriage there were five children born as follows: David Elder Sins, George Washington Sins, Henry Sins, Doctor F. Sins and Ermine Sins. We will now give the family record of William and Ermine Elder Sins.

David Elder Sins, son of Ermine and William Sins, was born December 6, 1840. He was married to Nancy Sikes February 7, 1869. They had three children as follows: James Henry Sins, John W. Sins and Emma Leila Sins. We have no record of the families of James Henry and John W. Sins. Emma Leila Sins married R. R. Burger. They had three children, Ellen, Agnes and R. R. Burger, Jr. They all live in Watkinsville, Ga. We have no record of the families of George W. and Henry Sins. Doctor W. Sins married Nancy Doggett; their children are as follows, George, Frank,

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John William Sims, son of David Elder Sims and Nancy Adelaide Sikes, was born April 26, 1873 and died on March 5, 1929. On November 18, 1893 John William Sims married Annie Bird O'Shields, who was born October 28, 1872. There were two children of this marriage as follows:

1. Bluford May Sims, born December 3, 1894
2. Ernest David Sims, born March 19, 1900.

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James Henry Sims, son of David Elder Sims and Nancy Adelaide Sikes, was born on January 13, 1870, and died September 23, 1933. On September 20, 1888, James Henry Sims married Beulah Estelle Pridgeon, who was born August 3, 1870 and died Feb. 7, 1935. There were six children of this marriage as follows:

1. Bertha Lucile Sims, born January 30, 1890, married Garnett A. Doster.
2. Venus Stanley Sims, born April 7, 1893, died April 29, 1893.
3. Henry Lamar Sims, born August 24, 1895, married Myrtice Bond.
4. Harry Holliday Sims, born February 2, 1900, married Octavia Wilson.
5. Marion Grace Sims, born August 28, 1903, married Herbert J. Bond.
6. Annie Elizabeth Sims, born June 3, 1908, married David A. Robison, Jr.

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Erna Leila Sims, daughter of David Elder Sims and Nancy Adelaide Sikes, was born on September 16, 1874. On December 13, 1905, Erna Leila Sims married Rufus Robert Burger, who was born on November 10, 1873. Of this marriage there were born three children as follows:

1. Ellen Adelaide Burger, born November 7, 1906.
2. Agnes Sims Burger, born December 3, 1908. On November 9, 1935, Agnes Sims Burger married Norman Powell Pendley, who was born April 19, _____. Agnes Sims Burger and Norman Powell Pendley have one daughter, Patricia Ann Pendley, born October 21, 1936.
3. Rufus Robert Burger, Jr., born August 19, 1911.

WILL OF DAVID ELDER

(SIMS HISTORY)

(Copied at Athens, Clark County Court House Jan. 29, 1929
By Anna Leila Sims Burger)

GEORGIA
CLARKE COUNTY.

In the Name of God, Amen.

I, David Elder of the State and county aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament, to-wit;

1st. It is my will that all my just debts be paid.

2nd. I give and bequeath unto John P. Elder and Doctor W. Elder, or the survivors of them, the following property (to-wit:): The tract of land whereon Sally Elder now lives containing 200 acres, be the sum more or less. In trust to and for the use and benefit of the children of my son Joseph M. Elder, deceased, I hereby authorize the aforesaid trustees to sell the said land at any time they may think it advisable and divide the proceeds equally among the children of my said deceased son, Joseph M. Elder.

3rd. I give and bequeath unto my son, John R. Elder, my negro woman, Aranda, in trust to and for the sole use and benefit of my son Wiche M. I. Elder, during his natural life and then disposed of by the aforesaid trustee for the benefit of the children of said Wiche M. I. Elder.

4th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Sarah Holloway one-half of the sale of my negro woman, Margaret and her increase and all my household and kitchen furniture, except one bed and furniture and the tract of land whereon I now live, containing 350 acres, more or less, to her and her heirs forever.

5th. I give and bequeath unto John P. Elder, Doctor W. Elder and Thomas P. Elder, or the survivors of them, the following property, to-wit: One-half the money arising from the sale of my negro woman, Margaret and her increase and one equal share of sale of my personal estate and one bed and furniture I trust to and for the use and benefit of the children of my deceased daughter, Irmin Sims, to be managed by the said trustees for their sole and separate benefit during their minority.

6th. I will that all my personal estate not herein or otherwise disposed be sold and equally divided among all my children or their heirs except Wiche M. I. Elder.

Lastly, I do hereby appoint Doctor W. Elder and James P. Holloway my executors to this my last will and testament.

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of May, 1853.

David Elder (X His mark)

Signed, Sealed, Acknowledged in presence of us

David B. Elder (Son of D. W. E.)

Almira C. Elder (Wife of Hart Thomas)

John H. Lowe.

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COPIED FROM FLY LEAF OF BIBLE IN POSSESSION OF EMMA LEILA SIMS BURGER:

"Mrs. Prudence E. Sikes Book

\$1.50 cts.

Presented to her by Husband

John Sikes At Home

John Sikes Book, 1858

David E. Sims, son of William and Irmine Sims,)

b. Dec. 6, 1840)

d. Mar. 6, 1915)

: m. Feb. 7, 1869

Nancy A. Sims, daughter of John and Prudence E. Sikes)

b. Feb. 17, 1850)

d. May 9, 1922)

James Henry Sims, son of David E. and Nancy A. Sims

b. Jan. 13, 1870

m. Beulah Pridgeon Sep. 20, 1889

d. Sept. 23, 1933

b.

d. Feb. 7, 1935

John William Sims, son of David E. and Nancy A. Sims

b. Apr. 26, 1873

m. Annie Bird O'Shields Nov. 18, 1893

d. Mar. 5, 1929

Emma Leila Sims, daughter of David E. & Nancy A. Sims,

b. Sep. 16, 1874

m. Rufus Robert Burger Dec. 13, 1905

Master Zachariah Linton Sims, son of David E. & Nancy A. Sims

b. Mar. 27, 1879

d. Nov. 18, 1881"

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George Washington Sims married _____ Cushionberry, and of this marriage there were born the following children:

Lory
James and John (twins)
Sanford
Betsy married Colley
Alex
William married Ermine Elder
Kitty married Rutledge
Sallie married Nathan Cook.

William Sims, son of George Washington Sims and _____ Cushionberry, was born October 27, 1808, and died October 5, 1884. On January 12, 1840, William Sims married Ermine Elder, daughter of David Elder (Grandsire) and Elizabeth Allen, who was his third wife. Ermine Elder was born May 10, 1818, and died May 4, 1848. The children of William Sims and Ermine Elder are as follows:

- I. David Elder Sims, b. 12/6/1840, d. 3/6/1915, m. Nancy A. Sikes.
His children, to-wit: James Henry Sims, John William Sims, Emma Leila Sims and Master Zachariah Linton Sims, have been mentioned elsewhere in this history, and particularly on pages 12a and 12c.
- II. George Washington Sims, b. 9/10/1842, d. 7/14/1922 m. Sarah Cook 9/16/1862
Children: 1. William David
2. Robert Griffeth
3. Lou Ticia (Mrs. J. L. Griffeth)
4. Missouri Irmine (Mrs. W.M. Crane, Cobb St., Athens, Ga.)
5. Francis Golden Hull (Chub)
Mina & Eulala died young.
- III. Henry Sims died of smallpox in Confederate struggle.
- IV. Doctor Franklin Sims, b. 8/21/1847, d. 2/3/1925, m. Nancy Eva Doggett
Children: 1. George Frank
2. James H.
3. David
4. Thomas M.
5. Della
6. Belle
- V. Ermine E. Sims (Sis) b. 4/19/1848, d. 5/25/1906 m. John B. McLeroy on Oct. 9, 1866
Children: 1. Giles
2. Henry
3. Muller
4. J. David Needham (called "Keter" for Creature
5. Beatrice (called B. C.)

(All had a David)

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William Sikes and Fannie Sikes (first cousins) married at Ringwood, Nash County, North Carolina. Their children are as follows:

1. Zachariah, b. 3/22/1802, came to Georgia in 1826
 d. 3/2/1879
2. Matthew
 Nancy (daughter of Matthew)
3. William
4. Guilford

Zachariah Sikes, son of William Sikes and Fannie Sikes, was born March 22, 1902, and died March 2, 1879. He married Winnie House, who was born on April 15, 1812 and died May 8, 1874. Winnie House was a daughter of Anna McLeroy and Richard House. The children of Zachariah Sikes and Winnie House are as follows:

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| John | b. 9/4/1829 | d. 10/10/1900 |
| Betsy | | |
| Richard, married Amanda Adams | | |
| Fannie | b. 7/8/1837 | d. 10/10/1911 |
| Becky married _____ Cofer | | |
| James | | |
| William | | |

John Sikes, son of Zachariah Sikes and Winnie House, was born Sept. 4, 1829 and died October 10, 1900. On _____, he married Prudence Elizabeth Jennings, daughter of Henry Jennings and Nancy Landrum, who was born October 4, 1829, and died December 22, 1903. Their children are as follows:.

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| Nancy Adelaide Sims | b. 2/7/1850 | d. 5/9/1922 | |
| Zachariah | b. 7/8/1851 | d. 6/18/1931 | m. Lou Pitmann |
| Edward Hull | b. 8/14/1854 | 3. 3/26/1912 | |
| Susan Rebecca Harper | b. 1/30/1860 | d. 6/20/1857 | |
| Frances Elizabeth Millsaps* | b. 8/22/1857 | d. | |
| Winifred Anna Vincent | b. 4/ /1862 | d. 5/6/1939 | |
| James Richard | b. 7/16/1865 | d. 12/5/1902 | m. Lena Pike |
| John Henry | b. 10/ /1868 | d. 2/ /1912 | m. 1.Corn Winn 2.Hattie Payne |
| Thomas Jefforson | b. 2/22/1871 | d. 8/8/1937 | m. 1.Minnie Wellborn 2.Myrtie Belle Cofer. |

*Frances Elizabeth Sikes was the wife of Marvel A. Millsaps. Greene Millsaps, who married Betty O'Shields, is a nephew of Marvel A. Millsaps.

SIMS HISTORY

Captain William Jennings, of Hanover, England, was born 1676 and married Mary Pulliam in 1724. They had ten children. One of their children, James Jennings, born in 1737 and died in 1801, was the father of Nelson Jennings, whose will in Clark County gives his sons and daughters a sum of money in England.

Nelson Jennings, born 9/11/1765, and who married Henrietta Wilson, died in 1853. Nelson Jennings and Henrietta Wilson were the parents of Henry Jennings, who was born 1/19/1790 and died 10/11/1862. Henry Jennings married Nancy Landrum, who was born 2/23/1803 and died 8/28/1888.

The children of Henry Jennings and Nancy Landrum are as follows:

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| Frances A. (Cook) Matthews | b. 2/22/1820 | d. 10/31/1909 |
| James Jackson | b. 9/4/1822 | d. 1/3/1914 |
| Jefferson | b. 6/16/1824 | d. 4/12/1912 |
| Sarah Ann Bolton | b. 1/1/1826 | d. 9/9/1910 |
| Henrietta Virginia Daniel | b. 11/28/1827 | d. |
| Prudence Elizabeth Sikes | b. 10/4/1829 | d. 12/22/1903 |
| Matilda Moselle Breedlove | b. 9/10/1832 | d. 10/25/1922 |
| Cecilia Penelope Epps | b. 9/5/1834 | d. 9/2/1895 |
| Cynthia Ann Butler Langford | b. 9/2/1836 | d. 2/7/1913 |
| Henry | b. 4/2/1839 | d. 7/10/1916 |
| Nancy Davenport | b. 3/10/1841 | d. Jan. 1940 |
| Susan Wayne Reynolds | b. 9/8/1843 | d. 12/26/1913 |
| Giles Robert* | b. 2/23/1846 | d. 6/23/1927 |

- * Giles Robert Jennings is the Father of Robert Middleton Jennings, Walter R. Jennings, both of Athens, Clarke County, Georgia, and Ernest Henry Jennings, of Bradenton, Florida.

James H. David, Tom Bell and Della Sims. This completes the direct descendants of Ermine Elder Sims, daughter of David Elder.

Ann Elder, youngest daughter of David Elder, married Thomas Brown in 1837 or 1838. She was born in 1820. We have not been able to secure any records of the family of Ann Elder Brown. This ends the family of David Elder, he landed in Georgia in January, 1807, and was the beginning of the extensive family of Elders who settled, populated and helped to develop this section of Georgia and other southern states.

Now let's have a little recapitulation, a little going backward and bringing out the principal facts and figures in the family of David Elder, who lived in Oconee county most of his active life. David Elder, as stated before, had fifteen children, all living at one time. He also, at or near the time of his death, had living 115 grandchildren, and his great-grand-children number between 750 and 800.

Doctor W. Elder, youngest son of David, who was born in Clarke county (now Oconee) and lived and died there, was the only child of David, whose family surpassed in number that of his father, he having raised 19 children, who all lived to have large families of their own, except Thomas P. Elder, who never married. The history of these 19 children has already been given. As stated before, David had 15 children, 115 grandchildren and about 750 or 800 great-grand-children. He had 101 great grandchildren, most of them living at one time during his lifetime. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, now living, number over 1,000 and are mostly in Georgia, Alabama, and especially in Oconee County, Ga.

One thing similar in the lives of David Elder and his youngest son, Doctor W. Elder, was that they both lived to about the same ripe old age of 93 years. Both lived and died in one-half mile of the other and were buried in the same cemetery, each one owning the property in his lifetime, in fact Doctor W. Elder finally came in possession of a big portion of the large body of land owned by his father, David. Most of his brothers and some brothers-in-law decided to leave Georgia early in their career and moved to other states. Some died, and Doctor W. Elder bought these lands and some adjoining, until at one time he was considered wealthy in land and slaves. From 1840 to the war between the states in 1861, the perils of the south brought on by the war reduced his possessions to a large extent. He was a very liberal and free-hearted man, and no one ever left his premises hungry or without food to carry home, as long as he was prosperous. He was a man who loved company and always welcomed it. He had lots of friends at the time of his death, but died practically a poor man caused largely by the liberal benefactions to these less fortunate and in need. Finally went to his grave without any regrets or remorse leaving behind no man who ever said he had been wronged by him. Peace to his ashes! Thus ends the history of the family of David Elder.

No record of the Elder family in Georgia would be complete without a history of big John Lewis Elder. He was called "Big John Lewis Elder" because in about 1840 Thomas P. Elder, fourth son of David Elder, had a son named John Lewis also, and from that time on, he was called "Big" John Lewis Elder. Big John Lewis came to Georgia about 1824. He settled on the Oconee river, Clarke county (now Oconee). As far as we know he was the only one of his immediate family to leave Virginia and come to Georgia. He was a grandson of John E. Elder, the second, and Mary Mathews Elder, and a nephew of David Elder, who landed in Georgia in 1807. He raised a large family of boys and girls, whose names and families are as follows:

W. Jordan, Susan, Dawson, Aranda Emma, Laura, Mon, Walter, Mattie and another daughter, who married in Coweta county, Georgia, and whose name we cannot recall. The following are the marriages and families of these ten children of John Lewis Elder.

W. Jordan Elder married Miss Cora Jackson; she came from South Georgia. They had three sons; Elmer I. Elder, Escus Elder and Jessie W. Elder. Escus never married and died years ago. Elmer married Miss Effie Osborne and they moved to Texas; She died there and her remains were brought back to Georgia and buried at old Antioch church, Oconee County. Jessie Elder also moved to Texas and married there. Susan Elder married Joseph H. McRee, they had the following boys and girls. C. F. McRee, A. B. McRee, Naomi McRee, Etta Dodd McRee and Sallie McRee. Their family history is as follows:

C. F. McRee married Lillian Bland. No children; they both died some years ago. A. B. McRee married Susan Kelly, they have nine children as follows: Lilah, Clarence, George, Fred, Hershel, Estin, Kelly, Moll and Martha Sue McRee. All these children of A. B. McRee and Susan Kelly McRee are now living, most of them in Oconee county. A. B. McRee, their father, died a few years ago. Mrs. McRee is now living in Oconee county. Naomi McRee married Dan Jones; she lives in Atlanta. Dan died some years ago. Evie McRee married Will Elder, their family has already been given earlier in our story. Lula McRee married Mr. Rose, no history of their family. Miss Etta never married and now lives in Atlanta; Sallie McRee married Glasscock Barrett; he died years ago and Sallie now lives in Augusta, Georgia.

Dawson Elder, son of John Lewis Elder, married Miss Mattie Aycock; they had 8 children as follows: Charlie Elder (been chief of Police at Madison, Georgia, for 20 years) Allie Elder, Emory Elder, Courtney Elder, Minnie Elder, Ruby Elder, Nettie Elder and Clyde Elder. All these children of Dawson Elder and Mattie Aycock are now living. Their parents both died in Oglethorpe County some years ago.

Emma Elder, another daughter, married Burrell Christopher; no record of family. Aranda Elder, married Bill Wilson, two children, Bob and Henry Wilson. Laura Elder married a Mr. Cox, of south Georgia, no record of family. Josh Elder married Mattie Fambrough; had several children, names not known except Lewis (Bud) Elder, Beadie and Birdie Elder. Mattie Elder married Emmett H. Willoughby, they had three daughters, Bossie, and Lessie Willoughby, (twins) and Emma Bell Willoughby all of Atlanta. Mon Elder, Walter Elder and another sister, we have no record of their marriages and families as they left Oconee county and went to south Georgia in early life. Thus ends our story and history of John Lewis Elder, and the part he had in developing the growth of this part of Georgia.

As stated before earlier in this story, the history of the Elder family in Georgia would not be completed without giving the family record of "Little Joe Elder." The reason for his name was because there was at that time living in Clarke (now Oconee) county, another Joe Elder, son of David, whose full name was Joseph M. Elder, and who was a large and powerful man physically. They were cousins. "Little Joe" was the grandson of John S. Elder and nephew of David Elder. David, his uncle, came to Georgia in 1807 and Little Joe came later on in about 1832 or 1833 and married Nancy Ann Blakely, oldest daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (or Betsy) Elder Blakely, his second cousin. From this marriage of "Little Joe" and Nancy Blakely were born eight sons and daughters, whose names, marriages and family history is now given as far as we have any records, as follows: Matilda Elder, Nannie Elder, Blake Elder, Mat Elder, Sallie Elder, Trip Elder, Bill Elder and Kate Elder.

Matilda Elder, daughter of "Little Joe" married William Thomas, father of Jim Henry, Dave and Dock Thomas. She was the grandmother of Sidney, Herbert, Annie, Ernie, William, Grady, Henry and a lot of others whose names we cannot recall.

Nannie Elder, daughter of Little Joe, married Nathan Tom Elder, son of John P. Elder. The family of Nannie has already been mentioned and named earlier in our story. Blake Elder, another daughter of "Little Joe" Elder, married James H. Elder, son of Thomas P. Elder; their family history has already been given; Mat Elder, another daughter of Little Joe Elder, married first, Wash Hale.

In a former chapter of this history, an error was made in stating that Jane Blakely married Moab Hale, when in fact it was Washington Hale she married, who was a son of Moab Hale. They had only one child who died young. Later Susan Blakely Hale died, and Washington Hale married a second time to Martha Jane Elder, daughter of Little Joe Elder and Nancy Blakely Elder. From this second marriage were born five children as follows: ~~Errr~~; Albie, Mattie, John S. and Joseph E. Hale. All of these children are now dead, except John S. Hale, who now lives in Oconee County. During the war of 1861 to 1865 Wash Hale died and his widow, Mrs. Martha Jane Elder Hale later married James O'Dillon. From this marriage were born seven children, as follows: Blake, Beatrice, Tom L., Claud, Edd, Ada and Ida O'Dillon. Ida died young, most of the others are now living in Oconee county. Ida, Frank, Sam, Morris, Carlton, Albert and Walter Hale, Herman, Herbert, Mabel, Mattie, Marvin, Claire, Louise, Usher and Eddie O'Dillon, with a lot of girls whose names we do not know, are grandchildren of Mat Elder Hale O'Dillon, daughter of "Little Joe Elder."

Sallie, daughter of "Little Joe" Elder, married a Mr. Brown. Family not known.

Trip Elder, son of "Little Joe" Elder, married Sarah Marshall. Family history has been given earlier in our narrative.

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Jim Bill, /of William Elder, married and had two sons, Sam and Bob Elder and probably others.

TRUE AND EXACT COPIES OF FAMILY RECORD SHEETS
FOUND IN FAMILY BIBLES BELONGING TO ELDER FAMILY.

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"FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES.

John P. Elder married to Susan G. Barnett 26 Nov. 1823.
Nathan T. Elder was married to Lucy G. Brown Dec. 15, 1847.
David G. Elder was married to Martha C. Henry Sept. 14, 1854.
John "H" Elder was married to E. L. Cox 24th day of March 1864.
Mary E. Elder was married to R. B. McRee the 14 March 1847.
Aveann Elder was married to Wm, H. Marshal 19 of Oct. 1848.
Nancy A. Elder to George E. Griffith the 2 March, 1854.
Christiann B. Elder was married to S.E.F. Jackson April 28, 1859.
Susan I. Elder was married to Drew Jackson Feb. 3rd, 1863.

BIRTHS.

John P. Elder was born Dec. the 10, 1800.
Susan G. Elder was born Jan. the 31, 1806.
Nathan T. Elder was born Oct. 8, 1824.
Aveann Elder was born 19 of August, 1827.
Mary E. Elder was born Sept. 24, 1829.
David G. Elder was born Dec. 18, 1831.
Lucy I. Elder was born March 31, 1834.
Nancy A. Elder was born April 28, 1836.
Christiann B. Elder was born Sept. 20, 1838.
Susan I. Elder was born Jan. 3, 1841.
Martha I. Elder was born Nov. 10, 1842.
John H. Elder was born May 22, 1845.
Almeda M. Elder was born July 22, 1948.
W. G. Elder was born the 13 of May 1865.

DEATHS.

Ave G. Barnett died July 6, 1851.
N. Barnett died 4th April, 1818.
David Elder died August 7, 1853.
John P. Elder died June 7, 1862.
David G. Elder died August 9, 1862 in Augusta hospital.
Mrs. Lucy G. Elder died May 15, 1870.
Mary E. McRee died Feb. 28, 1860.
Almeda M. Elder died May 6, 1863.
Susan G. Elder died April 1, 1877.
Ave Ann Marshall died 25 of May, 1908.

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### MARRIAGES:

Lucy G. Brown and N. T. Elder were married Dec. 15, 1847.  
Nancy A. Elder and N. T. Elder were married Feb. 12, 1871.

### BIRTHS:

N. T. Elder was born Oct. 8, 1824.  
Lucy G. Brown was born June 5, 1825.  
Eugenia C. Elder was born Dec. 11, 1848.  
Susan C. Elder was born August 11, 1850.  
Monroe P. Elder was born Jan. 20, 1852.  
John B. Elder was born Oct. 20, 1853.  
Emma D. Elder was born Oct. 12, 1856.  
Keturah B. Elder was born May 25, 1859.  
A. C. Elder was born June 8, 1867.  
D. S. Elder was born April 28, 1875.  
R. C. Elder was born Dec. 8, 1876.  
Carrie G. Elder was born Jan. 19, 1878.

### DEATHS:

Mrs. Susan G. Elder, wife of John P. Elder, died April 1, 1877.  
Mrs. Lucy G. Elder died May 15, 1870.  
N. T. Elder died Dec. 19, 1915  
Eugenia C. Elder died Nov. 23, 1916  
Carrie G. Elder died 8/15/1911.  
John B. Elder died Mar. 14, 1924.  
Nancy A. Elder died August, 1925.























